



Statement of Ireland

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ID on report of the Independent Investigative Mechanism for Myanmar

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Ireland aligns with the statement of the European Union and thanks the IIMM for their report.

Ireland condemns in the strongest terms the military coup in Myanmar and all ongoing violations of human rights. As Ireland has repeatedly stated, ensuring accountability and ending impunity is essential to break the cycle of human rights violations committed in Myanmar.

Ireland strongly supports the mandate of the IIMM to investigate all “serious international crimes and violations of international law committed in Myanmar since 2011”, including those related to the Rohingya crisis and the military coup, and commends the work conducted by the Mechanism to date. Ireland further supports the mechanism’s prioritisation of sexual and gender-based crimes and violations against children.

Ireland expresses abhorrence at the evidence collected by the mechanism since the military seized power, including reports of murders, sexual assaults, arbitrary detentions, enforced disappearances, torture and persecution of civilians.

We note the preliminary view of the mechanism that the Myanmar security forces have committed serious international crimes since seizing power on 1 February, which, in the context of a widespread and systematic attack on the civilian population, amount to crimes against humanity.

In light of this, could you provide further details of the mechanism’s plans to engage with the authorities of jurisdictions that may potentially use the evidence collected?

Thank you.